

## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PATH BUILDING IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" in the foregoing specification and claims. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,069 entitled "METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A CLUSTER NETWORK FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AND HIGH AVAILABILITY USING A FIBRE CHANNEL SWITCH FABRIC," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,120 entitled "MULTI-PROTOCOL NETWORK FOR ENTERPRISE DATA CENTERS," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,918 entitled "UNIFIED ENTERPRISE NETWORK SWITCH (UNEX) PRODUCT SPECIFICATION," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/286,922 entitled "QUALITY OF SERVICE EXAMPLE," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,081 entitled "COMMUNICATIONS MODEL," filed April 27, 2001, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/287,075 entitled "UNIFORM ENTERPRISE NETWORK SYSTEM," filed April 27, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,088 entitled "INTERCONNECT FABRIC MODULE," filed August 21, 2001; U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,287 entitled "INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF INCOMING DATA TRANSMISSIONS," filed August 22, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/314,158 entitled "USING VIRTUAL IDENTIFIERS TO ROUTE TRANSMITTED DATA THROUGH A NETWORK," filed August 21, 2001.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to The Boeing Company filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

The Boeing Company

10/24/01  
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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment